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SUBJECT: DR. GERARD BERTRAND VISIT- US FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SFCP PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 105280 (B) NEW DELHI 6283

1. SCIATT DISCUSSED PROPOSED BETRAND VISIT WITH
JAYAL MAY 1. JAYAL HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A 10-DAY TRIP,
AND IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF IN A FEW DAYS FOR ANOTHER TWO
WEEKS. DURING THE FEW DAYS HE IS IN DELHI, HE WILL DO AS
MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO ADVANCE THE PROCESSING OF THOSE
PROJECTS HE HAS RECEIVED. BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT ABSENCE HE
WAS HIMSELF NOT YET SURE WHETHER
ANY NEW ONE HAD COME IN BEYOND THE TWO MENTIONED IN REF (B).
JAYAL SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO DR. BERTRAND SUGGESTING THAT HE
POSTPONE HIS TRAVEL PLANS UNTIL JAYAL CAN BE SURE THAT THE
PROJECTS WERE ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITHIN THE GOI. HE WAS
NOT ABLE TO GIVE A NEW ESTIMATED DATE.

2. SCIATT SUGGESTED THAT JAYAL INFORMALLY PASS COPIES OF DRAFT
PROPOSALS TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BEFORE THEY COMPLETED
THE ROUNDS TO GOI PROCESS. JAYAL AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT BE A
HELPFUL WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT LAST MINUTE MODIFICATIONS DID
NOT UPSET THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECTS.

3. WE KNOW THAT DR. BERTRAND WILL BE DISAPPOINTED AT YET
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ANOTHER REQUEST TO HIM TO POSTPONE HIS TRAVELS. HOWEVER
JAYAL CLEARLY FEELS THAT HE IS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO
DISCUSS SPECIFIC CONTRACTS. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH
HIM AND KNOW THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THESE PROJECTS.
THE DELAYS ENCOUNTERED THUS FAR ARE WITHIN THE RANGE OF
NORMAL GOI CLEARANCE PROCEDURE AND SHOULD NOT BE ANY
CAUSE OF CONCERN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOWUP WITH JAYAL

AND WILL NOTIFY DR. BERTRAND AS SOON AS THE TIME SEEMS
RIGHT FOR ANOTHER VISIT.
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